

## Blessing of the Easter Water

**Community Acclamation:**

O come to the waters,  
you who thirst, come to me.  
listen, listen, and you shall live.

**Leader:**

Brothers and sisters:  
Let us ask the Lord our God  
to breathe his restless Spirit  
upon this water,  
    gift of his hand,  
    and sign of our baptism,  
and upon us,  
    that we may be faithful  
    to the new life we have received. **Community Acclamation: O come...**

**Leader:**

We praise you, our creating God  
for fresh water,  
    sparkling mirror of your glory;  
for humble water,  
    out of which life first sprang,  
    and upon which  
    the first path to new life  
    was charted;  
for the parting waters of Exodus,  
    clearing freedom's highway  
    out of the house of slavery;  
for the waters of repentance,  
    flowing straight into the hearts  
    of your people  
    at the word of John the Baptist;  
for the Living Water, your Son,  
    pouring himself out like a flood,  
    quenching our thirst with his love. **Community Acclamation: O come...**

**Leader:**

God, take this, our water,  
    once more as your own.  
Make it really alive,  
    as in the beginning:  
You who are our Creator,  
    brood over it in love,  
    as tender Mother;  
and fashion us anew  
    in the image of Jesus  
    who is alive forever! **Community Acclamation: O come...**